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Sent: 11/17/2022 11:15:35 AM To: Hoff, Dale [Hoff.Dale@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: SAM REGISTRATION UNIVERSITY PROF.DR. ASEN ZLATAROV - LMC Attachments: Software Inventory Tracking.xlsx; Software Purchasing in CCTE.docx

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Software in CCTE.....

It is my understanding that after the reorganization it was decided (not sure by whom) that all CCTE software ordering and management was centralized and housed in SCDCD. Until November 2021, SCDCD had a management analyst (Wade Slate) who was responsible for the software procurements. When he left the Agency, the responsibility became mine. We attempted to back fill this position, but we not given approval from the CCTE IO to move forward with the recruitment (this is another discussion).

Attached is my software tracking sheet. There are 32 software in CCTE. After Wade left, Amar and I approached Reeder about decentralizing the software procurements, but we were only able to negotiate that the CCTE POS, specifically Samantha Plishka (who actually has a background in IT procurement!), be in charge of managing the softwares that are used by all of CCTE. There are 8 of those (in blue in the spreadsheet). The other color coding in the spreadsheet is related to where the procurement is in the cycle (in progress or released to contracts or pending).

Of the remaining softwares 10 are only used by SCDCD, 10 are only used by CCED, and 4 are only used by BCTD. I have discussed decentralizing the software procurements with the ADs in CCED and BCTD and they were agreeable. CCED wanted to hold because they were waiting to bring their new program analyst on board. I was ok with the hold because I could not dump 10 softwares on Ardra. CCED has their new program analyst on board now and I feel as though this topic should be revisited.

I also attached for you a document I wrote for Reeder explaining the software procurement process and the amount of labor hours associated with it.

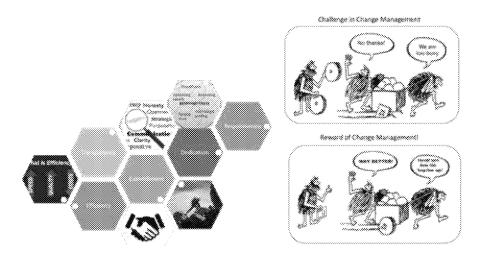
So that is the long answer to why this is our problem 😂



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Subject: RE: SAM REGISTRATION UNIVERSITY PROF.DR. ASEN ZLATAROV - LMC

And this is our problem because why exactly????

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Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2022 3:08 PM

To: Morgan, Ardra < Morgan. Ardra@epa.gov >; Alcantara, Hugo < alcantara.hugo@epa.gov >

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Hi Ardra,

I will defer to @Alcantara, Hugo to address the SAM questions.

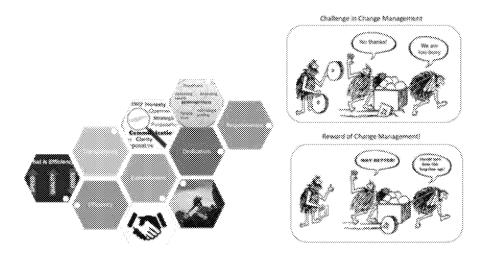
With regard to a CRADA or MTA, I am not familiar with those processes so I am unsure as to whether that is an option without further investigation.

Thanks!

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Maya,

My understanding is that this software is critical to Grace's product so I'd like to explore some options:

Do we know when their current SAM entity registration expires and whether or not they've already blown through the automatic 30-day extension (see screenshot below). If not, that would buy us a little more time provided, of course, that the CO and vendor would agree to extend the PoP at no additional cost. Perhaps Hugo would be kind enough to call SAM.gov and inquire about the registration if he's not done so already.

If both the SAM registration and PO expire, I don't know of a way to contract for the software. We could possibly enter into some type of CRADA or MTA with the professor. But, since no funds are exchanged via an MTA it'd mean he'd be letting us use the software for free. In addition an MTA, especially one that is International, would take months to establish and need to be reviewed by OITA and OGC before finalizing.

Aside from that, I think we'd need to look at using some other type of software for Grace's work or face possible legal ramifications if we continued to use the software without proper permissions and payment (which is not really an option).

Anyone else want to weigh-in?



30-Day Extensions for Entity Registration Renewals



Last month, the new Unique Entity iD generated in SAM.gov became the official, government-wide identifier used for federal awards. To continue to help users during the transition, there will be an automatic, 30-day extension for any existing SAM.gov entity registrations needing to be renewed with an expiration date ranging between Friday, April 29, 2022, and April 23, 2023. No action is required on the part of entity registrants.

Each impacted registration renewal will have 30 days added to their expiration date. As an example, an entity registration set to expire on June 1, 2022 will automatically be granted a 30-day extension to July 1, 2022. Entity administrators impacted by this change will receive an email from samadmin@sama.gov with the subject line "30-Day SAM.gov Extension Granted for [Entity Name/Unique Entity IO/CAGE]."

The new expiration dates will be included in the SAM entity management extracts and available through web services after the records are extended. We will process the extensions in a deliberate, incremental manner over the course of several weeks. This will allow the U.S. government systems which rely on our data to consume it on their normal cadence.

If you need assistance with any of the IAE systems, including SAM,gov, please contact the Federal Service Desk at FSD, gog W. To learn more about the IAE and our systems, visit SSA, gog/IAE IA.

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Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2022 11:27 AM

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Hi Hugo,

Thank you for letting us know.

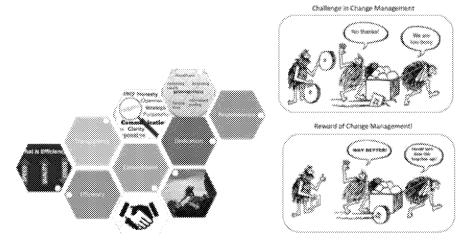
@Morgan, Ardra how would you like to move forward? As a refresher, this is the vendor for OASIS TIMES software that is used by Grace. Please let me know.

Thanks!

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Importance: High

Good morning Maya,

It does appear that they do not intend to renew their SAM registration at the moment. Without a SAM registration, we cannot make an award for the software.

I'm not quite sure why they are having issues renewing their entity registration, since they had previously registered.

If we can't make an award, what would you like us to do?

Thank you

V/r
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"OAS Advancing EPA's Mission Through Acquisition #OASWEARE"

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Cc: Morgan, Ardra < Morgan. Ardra@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: SAM REGISTRATION UNIVERSITY PROF.DR. ASEN ZLATAROV - LMC

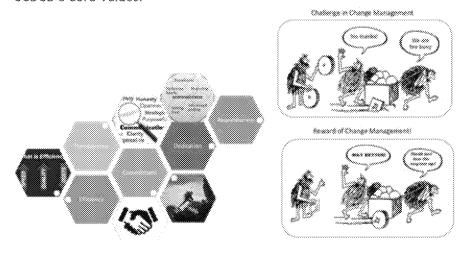
Good morning Hugo,

I am a bit confused by this reply. Does this mean they are not renewing their SAM registration?

Thanks!

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Subject: RE: SAM REGISTRATION UNIVERSITY PROF.DR. ASEN ZLATAROV - LMC

Dear Hugo Alcantara,

Thank you very much for your feedback, no matter you can't help us in this situation. We going to approach you, even if not from the beginning of the year (in case of bad scenario). Best Regards,

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Subject: RE: SAM REGISTRATION UNIVERSITY PROF.DR. ASEN ZLATAROV - LMC

Hello Tihomir,

Unfortunately, that PO cannot be extending, as it was only approved for 1 year. We would still receive the same system error from our contract writing system, indicating the SAM registration not being active.

Without an active SAM registration, there is no way for the Department of Treasury or EPA to make payment, since they rely on SAM for banking information.

The annual renewal of SAM is important, to ensure business with the US Federal Government can continue.

Thank you

V/r Hugo

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Subject: RE: SAM REGISTRATION UNIVERSITY PROF.DR. ASEN ZLATAROV - LMC

Dear Mr. Hugo Alcantara,

Thank you for your kind support.

Base on legislation and current situation with SAM renewing procedure, is there are any possibility for continuation our PO No 68HE0B22P0024?

Best Regards,

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Hello Tihomir,

Unfortunately, the SAM system is not under our control and we (our Agency) does not have any access to it. We would have to submit a ticket just like you did to get support. There is very little we could do to help accelerate the renewing process.

Since SAM asks for confidential Business information, like banking information and other private information, Agencies are not involved with registration process to protect such information.

My apologies for not being able to assist more with SAM.

Thank you

V/r

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Dear Mr. Alcantara,

Unfortunately, the process is very conservative.

We almost done with renewing the process, but the system is note very responsible with e-mails.

We have two tickets in the platform Federal Service desk (fsd.gov), which is an official website of the United States government:

- 1. INC-GSAFSD6956112
- 2. INC-GSAFSD6956115

This tickets are the request to additional information from the platform.

But the last answer from is before 31 days ago.

The fsd.gov is connect with sam.gov, where are our registration.

The recommendation from both platforms are not to create a new ticket/question, before the solvation of the previous. I always received the message that there are a lot of tickets in the system.

Is there any chance for support from your organization or to help for acceleration of the procedure, alternatively we don't now how long will take the process?

Thank you very much for your kind cooperation.

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Good afternoon Tihomir,

I just wanted to see if any progress has been made with renewing the SAM profile. The renewal period is soon approaching and we would like to get the Purchase Order awarded and processed prior to the current expiration date.

I have heard that renewing SAM can be tedious, so my apologies for that process.

Your assistance with the SAM registration is greatly appreciated.

Thank you

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Subject: SAM REGISTRATION UNIVERSITY PROF.DR. ASEN ZLATAROV - LMC

Dear Hugo Alcantara,

I am writing you on behalf of Prof. Mekenyan.

I am Tihomir Staykov and I am a chief expert methodology and internal control in the university.

At the moment we are in process of renewing our profile in platform sam.gov. Unfortunately, the procedure is very conservative and require time to finalize it.

Thank you very much for your patience and kindly cooperation. Best Regards,

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